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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kejiro TAKE

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EXAMINER:

FOR: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSIGNING CODES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the Office Action issued on May 20, 2004 for Application Ser. No. 10/013,451 (filed 12/13/01) and the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

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LIST OF RELATED CASES

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